

TO: Commissioner Jerry Libbin, Chair

Members of the Sustainability Committee

Dave Doebler – Appointed by Commissioner Jerry Libbin
Lanette Sobel – Appointed by Commissioner Jorge Exposito
Debra Leibowitz – Appointed by Commissioner Deede Weithorn
Liliam Furst – Appointed by Commissioner Jonah Wolfson
Luiz Rodrigues – Appointed by Commissioner Ed Tobin
Gabriole Van Bryce – Appointed by Commissioner Michael Gongora
Mitch Novick – Appointed by Mayor Matti Herrera Bower

DATE: March 12, 2013

SUBJECT: MINUTES OF THE SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 11, 2013.

The attendees were as follows: Committee members: Liliam Furst, Debra Leibowitz, Mitch Novick, Luiz Rodrigues, and Gabriole Van Bryce.

Absentees: Dave Doebler and Lanette Sobel.

City Staff: Betsy Wheaton, Environmental Resources Manager; and, Margarita Wells, Environmental Specialist.

Guests: Andrew Resnick.

1. Minutes Review

a. Motion to approve minutes made by Mr. Rodrigues, seconded by Mr. Novick. Minutes approved unanimously.

2. Sustainability Committee Work Plan

- a. Air Quality and Climate Change Southeast Florida Regional Climate Action Plan, Sustainable Communities and Transportation Planning.
 - i. Commissioner Libbin stated the Administration should meet with local modeling experts to begin to evaluate what the City will look like and how it will be impacted when sea level rises. Additionally, he indicated that flood modeling will assist in identifying locations that should be designated as Adaptation Action Areas. Ms. Van Bryce recommended that these modeling specialists present to the City's Planning Department. Commissioner Libbin indicated that underground water storage is an important consideration for the City's future and should be incorporated into projects, where applicable. MOTION: The Sustainability Committee recommends that the Administration advise both Convention Center bidders, Tishman Hotel and Realty and Portman Holdings, to include underground water storage in the facility's proposed design. Motion made by Ms. Leibowitz, seconded by Mr. Rodrigues. Ms. Van Bryce opposed, because she recommended that additional stormwater Best Management Practices initiatives also be incorporated into the

Committee's recommendation. Motion passed (4:1).

b. Water Quality & Conservation- Artificial Turf Referral from the Land Use and Development Committee on November 5.

i. Ms. Leibowitz stated that her initial research shows proper drainage is critical in the use of artificial turf and recommended that the Committee help shape the specifications for its use in City properties. Commissioner Libbin will recommend to the Administration that the Committee member most educated on the subject be appointed to the RFP selection committee for the Flamingo Park project.

c. Air Quality and Climate Change – Clean Air Ordinance.

i. Mr. Resnick presented the concept of enacting a clean indoor air ordinance in the City that would prohibit smoking in all enclosed public places and enclosed places of employment. Commissioner Libbin recommended that all Committee members be present if the Committee decides to make a motion or resolution on the subject. Additionally, he requested that staff invite local business owners to partake in the discussion. ACTION: Staff to invite business owners to provide input at an upcoming meeting and to add discussion item to the respective agenda.

d. Solid Waste Management - Recycling Update.

- i. Commissioner Libbin stated that only Waste Management was the only franchisee waste hauler that provided the list of properties that are not recycling. He directed the Administration to notify the two other franchisee waste haulers that they are in violation of their franchise agreement unless they provide their respective lists. Ms. Wheaton indicated that the Administration will be sending a letter to all properties that do not currently offer recycling informing them that they are in violation of the City's recycling ordinance. Once more facilities are in compliance, Business Tax Receipts can be used as the vehicle for enforcing compliance. ACTION: Staff to send letter to Choice Environmental and Waste Service Inc. requesting the list of customers that do not recycle per their franchise agreement. Staff to provide one (1) master copy of all non-compliant facilities at the March meeting.
- ii. Ms. Leibowitz expressed her concern that franchisee waste hauler agreements are difficult to modify when a customer chooses to reduce their waste services and add recycling services. ACTION: Staff to investigate whether the franchisee waste haulers contracts allow customers to reduce their waste services once they have signed their waste contracts.
- iii. Mr. Novick stated that the options of available waste hauler franchisees

have been greatly reduced over time. Commissioner Libbin directed staff to review the franchise agreement and identify the options available for avoiding a waste services monopoly. **ACTION: Staff to invite staff from the City Attorney's office to the March meeting.**

3. New Business

- a. Next month's meeting must be rescheduled due to a conflict with the joint Land Use and Development Committee and Neighborhoods/Community Affairs Committee meeting. The new meeting date is set for March 12.
- b. Ms. Wheaton indicated that the City will be participating in Earth Hour. RESOLUTION: The Sustainability Committee urges Miami Beach residents and businesses to support Earth Hour and turn off their non-essential lights from 8:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on March 23, 2013.

Meeting adjourned at 6:09 PM.

The proceedings of this meeting have been recorded. Please contact Patricia Bocio at 305.673.7080 or pbocio@miamibeachfl.gov for more information.

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